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**Update on “Drug Metabolism/Drug  
Interaction Studies —  
Study Design, Data Analysis, and  
Implications for  
Dosing and Labeling”**

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# Draft Drug Interaction Guidance (in internal review)-

- To replace two metabolism/drug interaction guidance documents published in 1997 and 1999
  - <http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/2635fnl.pdf>
  - <http://www.fda.gov/cder/guidance/clin3.pdf>
- To update and include recent findings and discussions from conferences and publications
  - Tucker, Houston and Huang, *Clin Pharm Ther* August 2001; 70(2):103
  - Yuan, Madani, Wei, Reynolds, Huang, *Drug Metab Disp*, December 2002; 30(12) 1311
  - Bjornsson, Callaghan, Einolf, et al, *J Clin Pharmacol*, May 2003; 43(5):443
  - Huang, Lesko, *J Clin Pharmacol*, June 2004; 44: 559
- To address recent labeling rule changes
  - *Labeling guideline. Federal Register* 65[247], 81082-81131. December 22, 2000.
  - Draft guidance for industry “Labeling for Human Prescription Drug and Biological Products – Implementing the New Content and Format Requirements” and “clinical pharmacology and drug interaction labeling guidance” (in internal review)

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# Recent US Market Withdrawal

Withdrawn	Approval	Drug name	Use	Risk
1998	1997	Mibefradil	High blood pressure/ Chronic stable angina	Drug-drug interactions Torsades de Pointes
1998	1997	Bromfenac	NSAID	Acute liver failure
1998	1985	Terfenadine	Antihistamine	Torsades de Pointes Drug-drug interactions
1999	1988	Astemizole	Antihistamine	Torsades de Pointes Drug-drug interactions
1999	1997	Grepafloxacin	Antibiotics	Torsades de Pointes
2000	1999	Isosorbide dinitrate	Unstable angina, angina	Ischemic colitis; complications of constipation
2000	1999	Propofol	General anesthesia	Torsades de Pointes Drug-drug interactions
2000	1999	Fluorouracil	Cancer chemotherapy	Acute liver failure
2001	1997	Cerivastatin	Cholesterol lowering	Rhabdomyolysis Drug-drug interactions
2001	1999	Rapacuronium	Anesthesia	Bronchospasm

Need to evaluate other drug's effects on NME and the NME's effects on other drugs

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# In vitro evaluations using human tissues can eliminate the need or prioritize in vivo evaluation in humans

Design the in vivo evaluation based on in vitro data  
(evaluate the most potent one, smallest  $K_i$ , first)

C<sub>max</sub> of NME 1  $\mu\text{M}$

	IC <sub>50</sub>	K <sub>i</sub>
CYP1A2	50 $\mu\text{M}$	40 $\mu\text{M}$
CYP2C9	20 $\mu\text{M}$	10 $\mu\text{M}$
CYP2C19	>100 $\mu\text{M}$	--
CYP2D6	>100 $\mu\text{M}$	--
CYP3A4	7 $\mu\text{M}$	2 $\mu\text{M}$

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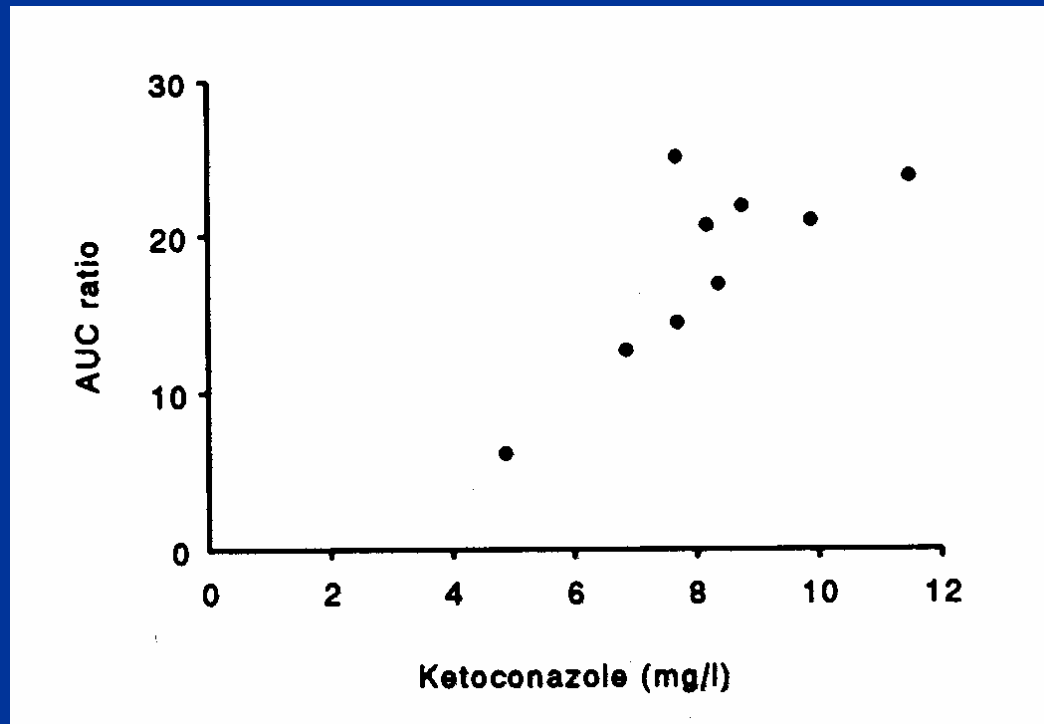
# Design a study to maximize seeing an interaction

Why high dose inhibitor?

- 400 mg vs. 200 mg of ketoconazole -

Midazolam (keto)/Midazolam (placebo)  
Midazolam at 7.5 mg

1. In house data
2. Literature data





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# Drug B - CYP3A substrate

## Drug B with

Ketoconazole  
Erythromycin  
Verapamil

[approved]

<u>Drug B</u>	<u>AUC</u>	<u>Cmax</u>
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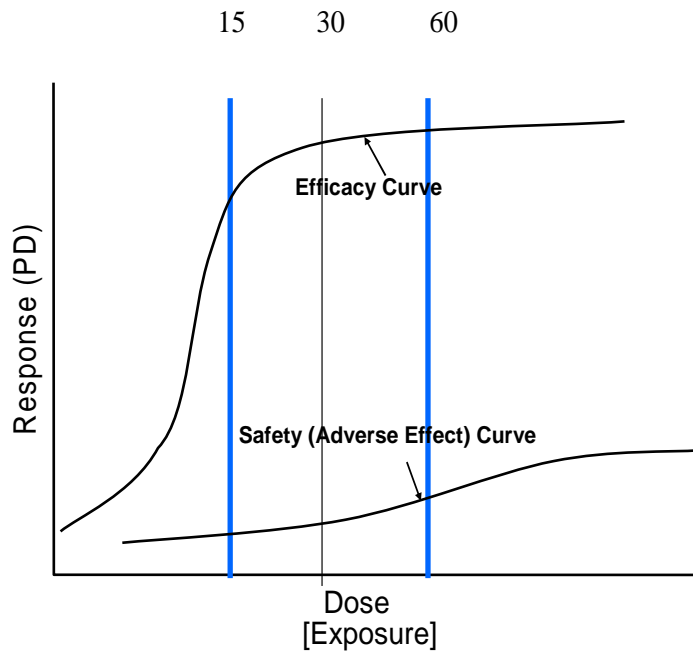
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*Do not take with potent CYP3A inhibitors....*  
Ketoconazole, itraconazole, TAO,  
ritonavir, nelfinavir, nefazodone,  
clarithromycin.

*Use lower doses with moderate CYP3A inhibitors....*  
erythromycin, verapamil,  
diltiazem...

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CYP	Substrate	Inhibitor	<b>In vivo probes</b>	Inducer
1A2	theophylline, caffeine	fluvoxamine		Omeprazole? smoking <sup>(3)</sup>
2B6	efavirenz			rifampin nevirapine ?
2C8	repaglinide, rosiglitazone	gemfibrozil		rifampin
2C9	warfarin, tolbutamide	fluconazole, amiodarone (use of PM subjects) <sup>(4)</sup>		rifampin
2C19	omeprazol, esoprazol, lansoprazol, pantoprasol	omeprazole, fluvoxamine, moclobemide (use of PM subjects) <sup>(4)</sup>		rifampin
2D6	desipramine, atomoxetine dextromethorphan,	paroxetine, quinidine, (use of PM subjects) <sup>(4)</sup>		None identified
2E1	chlorzoxazone	disulfirum		ethanol
3A4/ 3A5	midazolam, buspirone, felodipine, simvastatin, Lovastatin, eletriptan, sildenafil, simvastatin, triazolam	atanazavir, clarithromycin, indinavir, itraconazole, ketoconazole, nefazodone, nelfinavir, ritonavir, saquinavir, telithromycin,		rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentin, phenytoin, phenobarbita <sup>12</sup>

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# **In vitro evaluation**

- **Detailed discussion on issues to consider in reviewing studies**
  - **to elucidate the metabolic pathways**
  - **to assess inhibition potential**
  - **to assess induction potential**
- **General study design issues**
  - **recommendation of probe substrates, inhibitors, inducers in tables**

# Evaluation of induction

- issues may be addressed in *in vivo* studies evaluating inhibition
- initial *in vitro* evaluation with 2 CYPs (CYP1A2, CYP3A)
  - negative results may preclude *in vivo* evaluation of CYP1A2, CYP3A, CYP2C9, CYP2C19
  - positive control recommended
  - 40% of positive control or 2-fold increase over negative control suggest possible induction potential -> follow with *in vivo* evaluation

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<b>Sensitive CYP3A substrates</b>	<b>CYP3A Substrates with Narrow therapeutic range</b>
<b>budesonide, buspirone, eletriptan, felodipine, imatinab, lovastatin, midazolam, saquinavir, sildenafil, simvastatin, triazolam</b>	<b>Alfentanil, astemizole(a), cisapride(a), cyclosporine, diergotamine, ergotamine, fentanyl, irinotecan, pimozide, quinidine, sirolimus, tacrolimus, terfenadine(a)</b>

- **Examples of strong and moderate CYP3A inhibitors**

**If a drug has been determined to be a sensitive CYP3A substrate or a CYP3A substrate with a narrow therapeutic range, it does not need to be tested with all strong or moderate inhibitors of CYP3A to warn about an interaction with “strong” or “moderate” CYP3A inhibitors**

- **Examples of strong and moderate CYP3A inhibitors**

<b>Strong CYP3A inhibitors</b>	<b>Moderate CYP3A inhibitors</b>
<b>atanazavir clarithromycin cyclosporine? delavirdine? indinavir itraconazole ketoconazole nefazodone nelfinavir ritonavir saquinavir telithromycin TAO</b>	<b>Amprenavir aprepitant diltiazem erythromycin fluconazole fosaprenavir grapefruit juice(a) verapamil</b>

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- discussed PK evaluation in poor metabolizers (PM) or smokers in lieu of certain interaction studies
  - *Evaluation interaction based on one pathway in PM of the enzyme for another pathway*
- discussed protocol exclusion criteria to address possible herb-drug, juice-drug interactions

- **discussed use of multiple inhibitors/  
multiple impaired system when evaluating  
QT changes**
- **discussed P-gp transporter based  
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